

**CLAIMS**

1. Use of the alkaloid K252 and its analogues or derivatives to prepare topical drugs for the treatment of disorders characterised by hyperproliferation of keratinocytes.
2. Use as claimed in claim 1, wherein the disorders are psoriasis and skin tumours.
3. Use as claimed in claim 1 or 2 to prepare a medicament for use in combination with PUVA treatment or photodynamic treatment.
4. Topical pharmaceutical compositions containing an alkaloid K252 or an analogue or derivative thereof as active ingredient, in admixture with suitable vehicles and excipients.
5. Compositions as claimed in claim 4 in the form of ointments, gels, lotions, powders and medicated plasters.